Bird observations around Juba, South Sudan

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Observations ornithologiques dans les environs de Juba, Soudan du Sud. Les résultats sont présentés d'observations ornithologiques réalisées dans les environs de Juba, Soudan du Sud, entre le 12 septembre 2010 et le 1^{et} septembre 2012. Au total, 323 espèces ont été identifiées. Une attention particulière est apportée aux espèces d'intérêt pour la conservation, dont huit ont été recensées, et aux espèces confinées à un certain biome, dont 27 ont été notées, la plupart confinées au biome de la Savane soudano-guinéenne. Des compléments aux données de l'atlas de Nikolaus (1987) sont également présentés.

Summary. The results of bird observations made around Juba, South Sudan, during the period 12 September 2010 to 1 September 2012, are presented. In total, 323 species were identified. Attention is drawn to species of conservation concern, of which eight were recorded, and biome-restricted species, of which 27 were recorded, mostly from the Sudan-Guinea Savanna biome. Additions to atlas data in Nikolaus (1987) are also presented.

▲ s noted by de Bont (2009), there is little recent information on the birds of South Sudan. This is mainly due to the history of violent conflict spanning four decades and an associated lack of security, transport infrastructure and facilities for independent visitors. The country seceded from Sudan on 9 July 2011. Nikolaus' (1987, 1989) publications, based to a considerable extent on his own field work during the 1970s, remain primary references. De Bont's (2009) paper provides substantial new information on birds in a remote area in the far south-east of the country, while some observations made opportunistically by visitors in 2005-11 have been published informally (B. Piot in Bull. ABC 13: 108; O. Brauer in Bull. ABC 15: 138; B. Piot in Bull. ABC 16: 111; B. Piot & E. Leonardi in Bull. *ABC* 18: 107–108).

From 12 September 2010 to 1 September 2012, I lived in South Sudan's capital Juba, Central Equatoria State, working for the UK's Department for International Development (DFID). During much of my assignment I was able to make bird observations around Juba, sometimes in the company of other observers. Here I report on findings from this field work.

Study area *Location*

The observations presented here were made within a 50 km radius of my home in central Juba (04°51'N 31°35'E), either within the town, by the White Nile, or along one of the roads out of Juba. All sites visited lie within one-degree (120

× 120 km) squares 4/31 (04°00'N 31°00'E) or 5/31 (05°00'N 31°00'E). For a few species, one or more records from outside this area are also included, where these add to their known status in South Sudan.

Habitat and land use

Juba (c.490 m) lies on the west bank of the White Nile c.127 km north of the border with Uganda. The town extends c.8.5 km north-east and southwest along the river, and 13 km westwards. The built-up area is expanding rapidly, especially to the west and north-west. There is little industry and the local economy is dominated by government and services. Population size is unknown but is estimated to have doubled in five years to 500,000 in 2010 (Overseas Development Institute 2010) and is still increasing. Many of the trees along the roads and in compounds are exotics, notably the abundant Neem Azadirachta indica, as well as Papaya Carica papaya, Leucaena spp., Eucalyptus spp., Mango Mangifera indica and Teak Tectona grandis. Indigenous trees and shrubs include Acacia spp., Desert Date Balanites aegyptica, Calotropis procera, Sterculia spp., Cassia spp. and the palm Borassus aethiopum. There are no extensive green areas within the town itself. At least one abattoir attracts vultures and other avian scavengers.

North of Juba, along the road towards Terekeka, the landscape within the study area lies below 500 m. It is mainly rather flat or gently undulating and open, with grassland, scrub and trees (Fig. 1) as well as depressions that are dry and heavily grazed (Fig. 2) until the rainy season when



Figure 1. Bushland 18 km north of Juba, South Sudan, January 2012 (M. Mallalieu) Brousse à 18 km au nord de Juba, Soudan du Sud, janvier 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 2. Cattle on low-lying land 5 km north of Juba, South Sudan, early April 2012 (M. Mallalieu) Bétail sur des terres basses à 5 km au nord de Juba, Soudan du Sud, début avril 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 3. The same area as in Fig. 2, late April 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

La zone de la Fig. 2, fin avril 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 4. Flooded land 5 km north of Juba, South Sudan, late June 2012 (M. Mallalieu) Terre inondée à 5 km au nord de Juba, Soudan du Sud, fin juin 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

they are transformed into large marshes (Figs. 3–4). I did not document in detail the natural vegetation, although commoner trees and shrubs include *Acacia* spp., *Balanites aegyptica*, *Sterculia* spp., *Zizyphus* spp. and Grewia *Grewia* spp., with a few large fig trees *Ficus* spp., especially near watercourses.

East of the White Nile, within the study area, the road south-southeast towards Nimule traverses an undulating open landscape of grassland, scrub and small trees, rising to *c*.550 m. *Acacia* and *Zizyphus* spp. are common and there are also many Combretaceae. Closer to the river, the road to Karpeto is low-lying with more cultivation, wetter areas and *Acacia* savannah (Figs. 5–6). I rarely travelled west or south of Juba on the west side of the White Nile and did not document the

habitat types in these areas beyond noting open, bushy landscapes with scattered cultivation and no areas of dense woodland.

There is extensive wood extraction, especially for charcoal-making, along all of the main routes into Juba. Over the two years I was in the capital, there was also a noticeable increase in land under cultivation outside the town, mostly small-scale community activity with crops including sorghum, maize and groundnuts, with a few larger farms. Some communities outside Juba, such as the Mundari, are pastoralists owning large herds of cattle. Most grassland is burnt during the dry season.

Along the banks of the White Nile (Fig. 7) and on its islands there are many Mango trees and much cultivated land. The main island







on the White Nile at Juba, Gondokoro, has remnant *Acacia* ssp. woodland that appears to be better preserved than elsewhere in the region. In places reedbeds and *Papyrus* spp. fringe the river; elsewhere there are vertical earth banks.

One further habitat type is formed by the occasional hills or 'jebels' that rise out of the otherwise rather flat landscape, including Jebel Kujur at the south-west edge of Juba, which reaches 716 m. These jebels have rocky outcrops, grasses and scattered trees.

There is one nominally protected area within the region: Juba Game Reserve, which includes Jebel Kujur. This site is an Important Bird Area, reportedly harbouring 23 species restricted to the Figure 5. Bushy grassland at Rejaf, 7 km south-east of Juba, South Sudan, late August 2012 (M. Mallalieu)
Prairie buissonnante à Rejaf, à 7 km au sud-est de Juba, Soudan du Sud, fin août 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 6. Acacia-wooded grassland 5 km south-east of Juba, South Sudan, mid June 2012 (M. Mallalieu)
Savane boisée d'Acacia à 5 km au sud-est de Juba, Soudan du Sud, mi-juin 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 7. White Nile at Juba, South Sudan, late April 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Le Nil Blanc à Juba, Soudan du Sud, fin avril 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Sudan-Guinea Savanna biome (Robertson 2001). However, the sides of the jebel are being quarried for stone and much of the surrounding land has been occupied for homes and farms. Just outside the study area is Badingilu National Park, *c*.60 km north-east of Juba in Jonglei State.

Climate

The study region has one long rainy season, from late April to November, with c.1,000 mm of rain per year in 1971-2000. Rainfall tends to be heavy but irregular, with a mean of 148.7 mm and 13 rainy days in July, the month of peak rainfall. July also experiences the lowest temperatures, with a mean low of 21.1°C and an average high of 31.1°C. Temperatures peak in March and early April, just before the rains, with a March mean low of 23.6°C and a mean high of 37.7°C. During the rainy season the dry, burnt land around Juba is transformed into a lush green landscape with some large areas of flooded tall grassland and marshes. Rainfall decreases in November and the dry season has very little rain; the land becomes arid with only a few remaining wet patches, such as in borrow pits by murram roads.

Methods

The main aim was to record the diversity and seasonality of birds in the study area. This was compromised by limitations on time available for field work, by safety and security considerations, and by access constraints. No field trips outside Juba were made during September–December 2010, May–July 2011 and December 2011. The main periods of absence from South Sudan included most of December 2010, December 2011 and the first three weeks of May 2012. Safety

and security factors, including travel protocols and the risk posed by landmines, constrained movement outside Juba and more or less prevented movements outside the town after dark. In the middle and late rainy season, from July onwards, much of the savannah is covered in dense, tall grass and is hard to work. Marshier areas are impassable. Field work was biased towards easily accessible sites considered safe to visit. Badingilu National Park was not visited as it required an expedition-type approach for which I was unable to find time.

In all, I made 109 field trips involving c.450hours of observations, of which 36 (33%) involved static birdwatching in the grounds of restaurants and hotels on the west bank of the White Nile in Juba; 32 (29%) were along the road north towards Terekeka; 13 (12%) were along the road south-southeast towards Nimule; ten (9%) were to sites on or very close to the east bank of the White Nile; five (5%) were along the Karpeto road, which runs south-southeast just beyond the bridge across the White Nile; and the remaining 13 (12%) were to seven other sites. In addition, I also made opportunistic observations whilst driving around Juba and from my house. On 23-26 April 2011, particularly intensive field work was undertaken north and south-east of Juba in the company of T. Jenner. I have included a few records provided by other, reliable observers. I took several thousand photographs of birds; these were used to resolve the identification of some species. A few poor-quality sound-recordings were made for the same purpose; these have not been lodged in an archive. Evidence of breeding such as display, nest building, copulation and feeding newly fledged young was recorded but intensive efforts to prove breeding were not made.

Results

I observed 323 species listed in Appendix 1 with maximum counts by month. In two cases subspecies are listed separately. Appendix 2 presents details of 36 additions to the relevant one-degree squares compared to Nikolaus (1987). To facilitate comparison with previous lists (e.g. de Bont 2009), sequence and taxonomy follows Dowsett *et al.* (2012), with some corrections of and updates to scientific names. Fuller details of four species new to South Sudan are presented separately (Mallalieu in press).

Species of conservation concern

South Sudan harbours 29 species of conservation concern (BirdLife International 2012). Eight of these were observed in the study area. Three are Endangered (White-backed Vulture Gyps africanus, Rüppell's Griffon Vulture G. rueppellii and Hooded Vulture Necrosyrtes monachus), two Vulnerable (White-headed Vulture Trigonoceps occipitalis and Beaudouin's Snake Eagle Circaetus beaudouini) and three Near Threatened (Pallid Harrier Circus macrourus, Bateleur Terathopius ecaudatus and Black-winged Pratincole Glareola nordmanni).

Biome-restricted species

Twenty species restricted to the Sudan-Guinea Savanna biome and seven restricted to the Somali-Masai biome were found. No species were recorded that are restricted to other biomes in South Sudan (Sahel, Guinea-Congo forests and Afrotropical Highlands). The total of 20 species from the Sudan-Guinea Savanna biome represents 55% of the total number of species (36) recorded from this biome in South Sudan, while the seven from the Somali-Masai biome represent just 14% of the 49 species recorded for that biome (Nikolaus 1989, Robertson 2001). These results contrast with those of de Bont (2009), whose study area 360 km east-northeast of Juba contained 37 species restricted to the Somali-Masai biome and six restricted to the Sudan-Guinea Savanna biome.

Notes on selected species

The following notes provide details mainly on the species of conservation concern and those for which status was found to be different from that in Nikolaus (1989). Additional species for the relevant one-degree squares (Nikolaus 1987) are listed only in Appendix 2 unless the range extension was large (a gap of at least two one-degree squares). Species of conservation concern are indicated by EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable and NT = Near Threatened.

Squacco Heron Ardeola ralloides

Recorded in May–July and early September 2012 in seasonal marshland 5 km north of Juba, including at least 50 in breeding plumage on 9 June (Fig. 8). These birds dispersed as feeding conditions became less suitable. It is probable that the species breeds in South Sudan. Nikolaus (1989)

suggested that some birds might oversummer but did not mention possible breeding.

Black Heron Egretta ardesiaca

Five present intermittently on marshland 6 km north of Juba on 9 June–15 July 2012 (Fig. 9). Nikolaus (1989) mentions just five previous records for South Sudan.

African Cuckoo Hawk Aviceda cuculoides

An adult was observed on Gondokoro island on 25 March 2012. Second record for South Sudan. See Mallalieu (in press) for details.

European Honey Buzzard Pernis apivorus

One north of Juba on 23 April 2011, five *c*.30 km south-east of Juba on 24 April, and 25 moving north over the east bank of the White Nile at Juba on 29 April 2012, including a flock of 12. Nikolaus (1989) mentions only one record for South Sudan, but de Bont (2009) encountered this species on five occasions during spring migration and on eight occasions in autumn migration.

Bat Hawk Macheiramphus alcinus

One at dusk by the White Nile in Juba on 27 August 2012. Nikolaus (1989) gives three records for South Sudan, one of them at Juba. I also observed a Bat Hawk over the White Nile 45 km north-west of Nimule on 11 March 2012, which location is well south of the study area.

Hooded Vulture Necrosyrtes monachus EN

Present all year in and around Juba (Fig. 10), roosting in tall trees within the town. Largest numbers near abattoirs. Counts included 60 soaring over Juba on 23 October 2011; 85 over the town's western edge on 7 July 2012; and at least 100 over Juba on 25 August 2012. No nests found. Some evidence of people cutting large trees to discourage Hooded Vultures from roosting in them, but no direct persecution observed. No dead or sick birds were seen. Also regularly observed outside Juba, especially north of the town, but in very small numbers. Outside the study area, at least 150 were at a roost in Rumbek, Lakes State (06°48'N 29°40'E) on 29-30 November 2011, and 20 in Wau, Western Bahr el Ghazal State (07°41'N 28°00'E) on 18–19 April 2011.

White-backed Vulture Gyps africanus EN

A total of 18 records of up to six birds, mostly over Juba or over the road north to Terekeka, in the dry season, November–April, but also twice in August and once in September. One at the rubbish dump on the edge of Juba, with Hooded Vultures, on 25 April 2011 (Fig. 11). No evidence of breeding in the area.

Rüppell's Griffon Vulture Gyps rueppellii EN

Only four records, of up to four birds, all over or north of Juba. Once, from a light aircraft, I observed extensive white areas on a cliff north-east of Juba. This site may be located at 04°39'20"N 32°03'00"E, on the Juba–Torit road, adjacent to a village called Liria, where P. Winter (*in litt.* 2012) photographed cliff faces covered in white bird droppings, a feature also visible on Google Earth. It is possible that this is a roosting and / or breeding site for the species.

White-headed Vulture *Trigonoceps occipitalis* VU A total of 17 records of up to seven birds, mainly north of Juba (Figs. 12–13). Noted in January–April, July, August and November, but most records were in the dry season, November–April. No evidence of breeding. Considered 'fairly common' by Nikolaus (1989).

Beaudouin's Snake Eagle Circaetus beaudouini

Nine records of singles, all along the road north to Terekeka, in the dry season, November-April. This species could be confused with Black-chested Snake Eagle C. pectoralis or Shorttoed Snake Eagle C. gallicus. However, I took many photographs and am confident that these records relate to C. beaudouini (Fig. 14). All individuals had pure white underwing-coverts and underparts, apart from some neat pale greybrown barring on the breast-sides, extending onto the axillaries. The underwing had darkish grey-brown subterminal bands on the remiges and three narrow grey-brown bars on the secondaries; the undertail had three similarly coloured bars. All individuals also had dull medium-brown hoods, with variable paler areas on the chin and foreneck. The upperwing had mid earth-brown coverts and darker, barred remiges. Adult C. gallicus has spotted or streaked underparts and dark markings on the underwing-coverts. Some juvenile C.



Figure 8. Squacco Heron / Crabier chevelu *Ardeola ralloides*, 6 km north of Juba, South Sudan, 9 June 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 9. Black Herons / Aigrettes ardoisées *Egretta ardesiaca*, 6 km north of Juba, South Sudan, 9 June 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 10. Hooded Vulture / Vautour charognard *Necrosyrtes monachus*, Juba, South Sudan, 26 September 2010 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 11. White-backed Vulture / Vautour africain *Gyps africanus* at rubbish dump, Juba, South Sudan, 25 April 2011 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 12. Adult White-headed Vulture / Vautour à tête blanche *Trigonoceps occipitalis*, 7 km north of Juba, South Sudan, 3 April 2011 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 13. Immature White-headed Vulture / Vautour à tête blanche *Trigonoceps occipitalis*, 20 km north of Juba, South Sudan, 17 March 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

gallicus might be as pale as *C. beaudouini*, but they lack the dark subterminal bands on the underwing and typically have rufous-brown head markings (Forsman 1999). Adult *C. pectoralis* has darker and broader barring on the underwing and undertail, as well as a darker hood, upperparts and upperwing, and lacks barring on the underparts. Juvenile and immature *C. pectoralis* show varying amounts of rufous on the underparts (Ferguson-Lees & Christie 2001).

Bateleur Terathopius ecaudatus NT

Thirty records of up to four birds, in all months of field work except May. Seen over Juba and from roads north, west and south-east of Juba. Adults and immatures seen (Figs. 15–16) but no direct evidence of breeding.

Pallid Harrier Circus macrourus NT

One record: an adult male in open woodland 13 km south-southeast of Juba on 6 March 2011.

Wahlberg's Eagle Aquila wahlbergi

Seen frequently, usually alone (Fig. 17). Six along 14 km of road north of Juba on 27 November 2011 was the highest count. Present throughout the dry season but also recorded during the rains, in July–October. One near a possible nest in a large fig *Ficus* tree on Jebel Kujur on 11 August 2012. A pair just east of the White Nile on 18 August 2012. Nikolaus (1989) considers it a non-breeding visitor in December–April, but notes that it might breed in Eastern Equatoria State from Torit (*c*.100 km south-east of Juba) eastwards.

Eleonora's Falcon Falco eleonorae

One *c*.30 km south-east of Juba along the Nimule road on 24 April 2011. First sighting for South Sudan. See Mallalieu (in press) for details.

African Crake Crex egregia

One flushed at a marsh with low forbs, sedges and grasses, and scattered small acacias, 3 km north of Juba on 23 June 2012. Three flushed at the same site on 22 July. On 26 August, when the site had much denser and taller grass, footprints probably of this species were also seen. Breeding possible. Nikolaus (1989) regarded this species as rare, with records from Yei and Juba in July–September.

Figure 14. Adult Beaudouin's Snake Eagle / Circaète de Beaudouin *Circaetus beaudouini*, 20 km north of Juba, South Sudan, 17 March 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 15. Bateleur / Bateleur des savanes *Terathopius ecaudatus*, 40 km south-east of Juba, South Sudan, 23 April 2011 (Tom Jenner)

Figure 16. Immature Bateleur / Bateleur des savanes *Terathopius ecaudatus*, 15 km west of Juba, South Sudan, 21 April 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 17. Wahlberg's Eagle / Aigle de Wahlberg *Aquila wahlbergi*, 30 km south-east of Juba, South Sudan, 23 April 2011 (Tom Jenner)

Figure 18. Rock Pratincoles / Glaréoles auréolées *Glareola nuchalis*, White Nile 150 km south of Juba, South Sudan, 11 March 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 19. White-winged Terns / Guifettes leucoptères *Chlidonias leucopterus* migrating along White Nile, Juba, South Sudan, 29 April 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 20. Lesser Grey Shrike / Pie-grièche à poitrine rose *Lanius minor*, 15 km south-east of Juba, South Sudan, 14 April 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Lesser Moorhen Gallinula angulata

One flushed from a small pond in light woodland along the Karpeto road 5 km south-east of Juba on 16 June 2012. One in marshland 2.5 km north of Juba on 1 July 2012. Nikolaus (1989) mentions only three locations, all west or south of Juba.

Black-winged Pratincole Glareola nordmanni

A flock of 41 flew north-east *c*.15 km north of Juba on 23 April 2011.

Rock Pratincole Glareola nuchalis

Up to six in March, April, July and August at the White Nile in Juba, where perhaps resident (Fig. 18). Outside the study area, at least 200 during a rafting trip along 80 km of the White Nile north from Nimule. Clearly common along the White Nile from the Ugandan border at least as far as Juba, yet Nikolaus (1989) mentions only two old records for South Sudan, both from the White Nile, at Nimule and *c.*70 km north of Juba.

White-winged Tern Chlidonias leucopterus

Seen on passage in late August, September and late April. Migration routes are not restricted to the White Nile as birds were seen moving overland well away from there, but the largest counts were of birds moving along the river, e.g.



63 upriver in two hours from 15:45 hrs on 11 September 2011 and a larger movement of 6,000 in six flocks during three hours from 12:30 hrs on 29 April 2012, the largest flock containing *c*.2,000 birds (Fig. 19).

Klaas's Cuckoo Chrysococcyx klaas

Recorded singing in April, July and August. Nikolaus (1989) considered it a dry-season visitor.

Icterine Warbler Hippolais icterina

One *c*.25 km south-east of Juba on 24 April 2011. First record for South Sudan. See Mallalieu (in press) for details.

Swamp Flycatcher *Muscicapa aquatica* One in reeds along a channel of the White Nile in Juba on 13 March 2011; this is *c*.300 km southeast of the nearest record in Nikolaus (1987).

Grey-headed Batis Batis orientalis | Western Black-headed Batis B. (minor) erlangeri

These species, both known to occur in South Sudan, are difficult to separate. All batises seen had grey crowns; several that were heard only were considered to be *B. orientalis*, after comparing the song with online sound-recordings. Several individuals were photographed, but even after reference to the available literature, could not be ascribed with certainty to one species. According to Nikolaus (1989) both species are 'fairly common' in South Sudan.

Lesser Grey Shrike Lanius minor

One 30 km south-east of Juba on 24 April 2011; one 15 km north of Juba on 22 October 2011; 12, including four together, along 15 km of the Nimule road south-east of Juba on 14 April 2012 (Fig. 20); and one 25 km west of Juba on 21 April 2012. Described by Nikolaus (1989) as an 'uncommon to rare... migrant'. De Bont (2009) also recorded this species in April.

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus* Only one seen, 18 km north of Juba, on 12 August 2012. Nikolaus (1989) reports this species as fairly common in association with cattle and game.

Figure 21. Abdim's Storks / Cigognes d'Abdim *Ciconia abdimii* over Juba, South Sudan, 5 November 2011 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 22. Grasshopper Buzzard / Busautour des sauterelles *Butastur rufipennis*, 6 km south-east of Juba, South Sudan, 29 January 2011 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 23. Bruce's Green Pigeon / Colombar waalia *Treron waalia*, 6 km north of Juba, South Sudan, 1 September 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 24. Green-backed Eremomela / Érémomèle grisonnante *Eremomela canescens*, 25 km west of Juba, South Sudan, 19 March 2011 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 25. Winding Cisticola / Cisticole roussâtre Cisticola galactotes, 6 km north of Juba, South Sudan, 24 June 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 26. Red-pate Cisticola / Cisticole à tête rousse Cisticola ruficeps, 10 km north of Juba, South Sudan, 24 June 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 27. Emin's Shrike / Pie-grièche à dos roux *Lanius gubernator*, 25 km west of Juba, South Sudan, 19 March 2011 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 28. Piapiac / Piapiac africain *Ptilostomus afer*, Juba, South Sudan, 14 July 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

Figure 29. Bronze-tailed Glossy Starling / Choucador à queue violette *Lamprotornis chalcurus*, 5 km south-east of Juba, South Sudan, 14 July 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

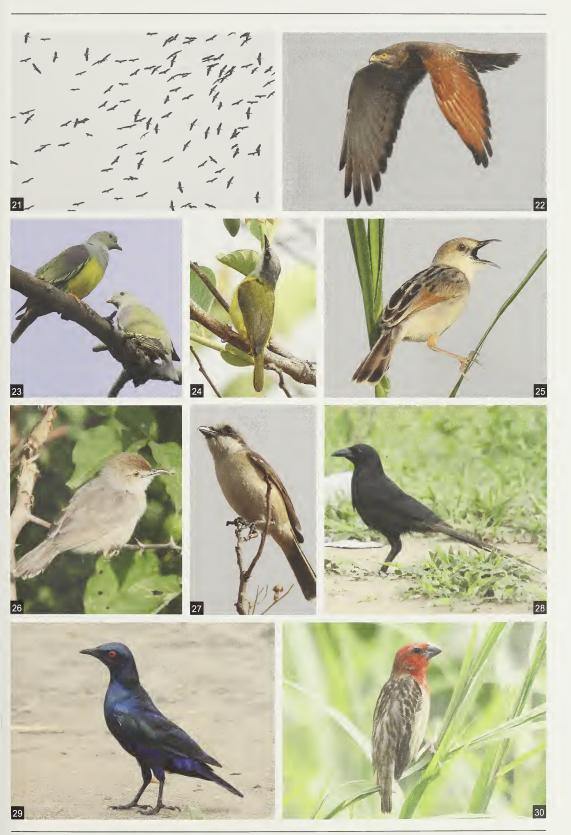
Figure 30. Cardinal Quelea / Travailleur cardinal *Quelea cardinalis*, 8 km south-east of Juba, South Sudan, 4 August 2012 (M. Mallalieu)

White-winged Widowbird Euplectes albonotatus eques

Males in breeding plumage observed near Juba on 28 July and 4 August 2012. First records for South Sudan. See Mallalieu (in press) for details.

Indigobird Vidua spp.

Besides Village Indigobirds *Vidua chalybeata*, one or more other indigobird species were observed on several occasions in August and September. They had white bills, pale dull pink or purplish-pink legs, brown flight feathers and a bluish-purple gloss to the body feathers. Considering the distribution of host species and bearing in mind the limited data on the distribution of some indigobirds (Payne 2010), these birds could have been Cameroon *V. camerunensis*, Barka *V. larvaticola*, Quailfinch *V. nigeriae*, Jambandu *V. raricola* or Wilson's Indigobirds *V. wilsoni*, with the last-named the most likely based on previous records (Nikolaus 1989) and plumage gloss (Payne 2010). However,



based on the presence of host species present around Juba, any of these five *Vidua* species could occur. No sound-recordings were made.

Discussion

For the reasons stated above, this study will have understated the number of species that occur regularly in the study area. This is especially true for largely nocturnal species such as owls and nightjars, for some species that inhabit dense grassland and marshes, for those confined to the west and south of Juba, which areas were seldom visited, as well as for others that are highly localised, or occur at low densities. Indications of abundance in Appendix 1 should be treated cautiously as this study did not systematically cover all of the main habitats. For example, although there was only one observation of Redwinged Starling Onychognathus morio, made during the single visit to Jebel Kujur, this species may well be resident there. The limited number or absence of field trips in certain months means that Appendix 1 shows no counts for many species that would have been present.

The most serious environmental issue affecting bird populations around Juba is probably extraction of wood for fuel, including through charcoal-making. The increasing human population of Juba will have placed increased pressure on woodland in the south of the country accessible from the town, although the lack of an extensive road network may be a mitigating factor. Nikolaus (1987) includes many species in the two one-degree squares of the study area that were not found by me, and some species considered common by Nikolaus were seldom or never encountered. However, the nature of this study means that it was impossible to form any evidence-based view on the impact of wood extraction on bird populations. Hunting pressure may also have had an impact on some species, although there was no clear evidence for this. The increase in land under cultivation and expansion of the built-up area of Juba will adversely affect some species very locally.

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Appendix 1. Bird species recorded around Juba, South Sudan, 12 September 2010–1 September 2012

Annexe 1. Espèces d'oiseaux obsevées autour de Juba, Soudan du Sud, 12 septembre 2010-1 septembre 2012

Biome (Robertson in Fishpool & Evans 2001):

SG = Restricted to the Sudan-Guinea biome (20 species) / espèces confinées au biome de la Savane soudano-guinéenne (20 espèces)

SM = Restricted to the Somali-Masai biome (7 species) / espèces confinées au biome Somali-Masai (7 espèces)

= Evidence of breeding noted / Preuve de reproduction obtenue

Sequence and taxonomy follows Dowsett et al. (2012) with a few amendments.

L'ordre et la taxonomie suivent Dowsett et al. (2012) avec quelques amendements.

															First and last dates for Palearctic migrants	Fewer than five record
		Biome	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jin S	Aug	Sep	oct	Nov	Dec	First a Palear	Fewer
Phalacrocoracidae																
Reed Cormorant	Phalacrocorax africanus	8	32	45	5	30	10	30	25	15	30	5	6	50		
Anhingidae																
African Darter	Anhinga rufa			-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Pelecanidae																
Pink-backed Pelican	Pelecanus rufescens		3	-	4	2	-	_	-	1	-	-	-	_		
Ardeidae																
Little Bittern	Ixobrychus minutus		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		Χ
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax		-	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides		2	2	3	-	1	50	20	15	-	-	1	2		
Cattle Egret	Bulbulcus ibis	1,:	230	200	600	500	30	30	30	150	80	60	200	300		
Striated Heron	Butorides striatus		-	1	2	2	2	1	4 .	15	8	6	-	-		
Black Heron	Egretta ardesiaca		-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-		Х
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta		1	1	4	20	-	50	10	-	2	-	-	-		
Intermediate Egret	Egretta intermedia		1	-	-	1	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-		
Great Egret	Egretta alba		1	-	-	30	-	25	2	2	1	-	-	-		
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea		2	-	3	1	1	9	5	5	10	3	-	3		
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea		3	1	-	4	_	2	2	-	-	1	2	1		
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala		5	3	6	12	1	2	-	2	-	- ,	-	4	•	
Goliath Heron	Ardea goliath		-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-		
Scopidae									•							
Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta		1	2	6	8	-	1	2	1	6	1	1	_		
Ciconiidae																
Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis		6	7	15	10	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	-		
African Openbill	Anastomus lamelligerus	•	0	6	5	350	10	10	20	4	-	-	-	1		
Abdim's Stork	Ciconia abdimii		-	-	14	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	450	_		
Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus		-	-	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Х
White Stork	Ciconia ciconia		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-		Χ
Saddle-billed Stork	Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis		-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-		Χ
Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumenifer		50	350	100	500	25	20	10	40	30	65	120	-		
Threskiornithidae																
Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash		2	2	2	10	1	6	2	6	1	-	-	4		
Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus	(92	15	110	30	20	10	15	4	-	-	3	-		
Eurasian Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia		-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
African Spoonbill	Platalea alba		-	-	6	1	-	2	4	-	_	-	-	-		
Anatidae																

		me													First and last dates for Palearctic migrants	Fewer than five recor
		Biome	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	3	Aug	Sep	oct	Nov	Dec	Firs	Few
Fulvous Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna bicolor		-	-	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
White-faced Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna viduata		11	2	10	25	-	60	50	15	5	10	-	45		
Spur-winged Goose	Plectopterus gambensis		-	-	15	200	-	100	100	20	-	-	-	-		
Comb Duck	Sarkidiornis melanotos		12	2	300	300	-	25	25	2	-	-	-	-		
Accipitridae																
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus		-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-		Χ
African Cuckoo Hawk	Aviceda cuculoides		-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
European Honey Buzzard	Pernis apivorus		-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- / 29 Apr	
Bat Hawk	Macheiramphus alcinus		-	-	_	_	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		Χ
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus caeruleus		2	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	-		
Black Kite	Milvus migrans migrans		-	-	1?	1?	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Yellow-billed Kite	Milvus migrans parasitus		100	100	50	400	-	15	10	4	1	60	200			
African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer		-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-		
Hooded Vulture	Necrosyrtes monachus		5	15	15	5	5	30	85	100	15	60	30	-		
White-backed Vulture	Gyps africanus		5	6	3	6	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	-		
Rüppell's Vulture	Gyps rueppellii		-	1	-	4	_	-	-	2	-	-	-	-		Χ
White-headed Vulture	Trigonoceps occipitalis		2	7	1	2	-	-	3	2	-	-	1	-		
Beaudouin's Snake Eagle	Circaetus beaudouini		1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
Brown Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinereus		_	_	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		Χ
Western Banded Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinerascens		-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-		
Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus		1	1	4	20	-	1	1	3	1	3	1	-		
African Harrier Hawk	Polyboroides typus		-	_	1	4	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-		
Pallid Harrier	Circus macrourus		-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus		5	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	11 Dec / 8 Apr	
Gabar Goshawk	Micronisus gabar		2	2	2	2	-	-	1	-	1	-		-		
Dark Chanting Goshawk	Melierax metabates		10	4	4	8	-	5	4	15	5	8	4	1		
Shikra	Accipiter badius		2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	- 1	1	1	2		
Grasshopper Buzzard	Butastur rufipennis		8	8	8	30	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-		
Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo vulpinus		1	2	5	15	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	30 Sep / 24 Apr	
Long-legged Buzzard	Buteo rufinus		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2		Χ
Red-necked Buzzard	Buteo auguralis		-	-	_	1	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax		-	2	1	4	-	_	-	-	-	1	1	-		
Steppe Eagle	Aquila nipalensis		2	30	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- / 24 Apr	
Wahlberg's Eagle	Aquila wahlbergi		2	2	_	3	-	-	1	2	2	1	6	-		
African Hawk Eagle	Hieraaetus spilogaster		-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus		1	1		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-		Χ
Long-crested Eagle	Lophaetus occipitalis		1	2	2	2	-	2	2	3	2	2	1	1		
Falconidae																
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus rufescens		_	_	1	_	_	_	_	2	_	1	_	_		
Common (Eurasian) Kestrel	Falco t. tinnunculus		2	3	3	1	_	_	_	-	_	_	-	_	- / 14 Apr	
Fox Kestrel	Falco alopex	SG	_	_	_	3	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		χ
Grey Kestrel	Falco ardosiaceus		1	1	1	3	1	_	-	2	3	1	1	-		
Red-necked Falcon	Falco chicquera		4	2	4	1	1	2	1	3	2	3	1	1		

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		92													First and last dates for Palearctic migrants	Fewer than five records
		Biome	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Ju	⋾	Aug	Sep	Ö	Nov	Dec	First Pale	Few
Eleonora's Falcon	Falco eleonorae		-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo		-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	15 Oct / 28 Apr	
Lanner Falcon	Falco biarmicus		3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-		
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus		-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5 Dec / 2 Apr	Χ
Numididae			00	00	0.5	40		00	45		0					
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris		20	30	25	10	-	20	15	4	2	-	-	-		
Phasianidae					•	40		_		_	,					
Crested Francolin	Dendroperdix sephaena		4	-	3	10	-	5	2	5	1	-	-	-		
Rallidae																
African Crake	Crex egregia		-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostris		-	-	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	_	-	-		Χ
Lesser Moorhen	Gallinula angulata		-	-	-	-	-	'	'	-	-	-	-	-		Х
Otididae	Ì innetie mélamenesteu					4		1	2	2		4				
Black-bellied Bustard	Lissotis melanogaster		-	-	-	- 1	-		3	2	-	1	-	-		
Jacanidae	A stanhilarnia africanus		2	4	10	5		20	10	4	2		2			
African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus		2	1	10	Э	-	20	10	4	3	_	2	-		
Rostratulidae	Destrotula hanabalansia							4	4							.,
Greater Painted-snipe	Rostratula benghalensis		-	-	-	-	-	1	1	_	-	-	-	-		Χ
Recurvirostridae Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus		4	5	3	10	-	10	3	_	-	_	-	_		
Burhinidae																
Senegal Thick-knee	Burhinus senegalensis		-	-	3	5	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	1		
Spotted Thick-knee	Burhinus capensis		-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Glareolidae																
Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Black-winged Pratincole	Glareola nordmanni		-	-	-	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	Χ
Rock Pratincole	Glareola nuchalis		-	-	2	6	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-		
Charadriidae									•							
Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius		-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula		-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
African Wattled Lapwing	Vanellus senegallus		40	30	10	3	-	6	2	2	-	2	3	-		
Black-headed Lapwing	Vanellus tectus		3	7	6	5	-	5	-	6	3	4	4	6		
Spur-winged Plover	Vanellus spinosus		10	1	2	4	-	10	15	2	4	1	2	1		
Long-toed Lapwing Scolopacidae	Vanellus crassirostris		-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-		Χ
Temminck's Stint	Calidris temminckii		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1	_	_		χ
Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea		_	_	_	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		Χ
Ruff	Philomachus pugnax		-	-	-	40	_	_	_	_	_	-	-	-		Χ
Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Greenshank	Tringa nebularia			1	2	2	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	oversum- mered	
Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus		3	2	6	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	17 Aug / 23 Apr	

		Biome	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	First and last dates for Palearctic migrants	Fewer than five records
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		2	1	4	20	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	9 Oct / 28 Apr	
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos		20	6	4	3	-	-	2	6	6	15	-	1	29 Jul / 29 Apr	
Laridae															,	
Common Black-headed Gull Lesser Black-backed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus Larus fuscus fuscus		- -	-	1 –	-	- -	-	- -	-	- 24	-	-	-		X X
Sternidae																
Gull-billed Tern	Gelochelidon nilotica		-	-	15	8	-	-	-	-	18	4	-	21		
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida		-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	00 4 / 00	
White-winged Tern	Chlidonias leucopterus		-	-	-	6,000	-	-	-	14	63	-	-	-	26 Aug / 29 Apr	
Pteroclidae																
Four-banded Sandgrouse	Pterocles quadricinctus		-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Columbidae																
Bruce's Green Pigeon	Treron waalia		4	15	6	, 2	3	1	15	15	15	4	2	-		
Black-billed Wood Dove	Turtur abyssinicus		15	10	50	50	5	20	5	30	20	10	5	1		
Namaqua Dove	Oena capensis		5	20	30	4	-	-	-	5	2	6	1	-		
African Mourning Dove	Streptopelia decipiens		15	50	100	30	-	20	25	20	15	10	5	20		
Vinaceous Dove	Streptopelia vinacea		100	50	50	20	-	30	40	20	60	25	10	-		
Laughing Dove	Streptopelia senegalensis		-	30	6	-,	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-		
Psittacidae																
Meyer's Parrot	Poicephalus meyeri		-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-		
Rose-ringed Parakeet	Psittacula krameri		1	-	2	6	-	4	10	5	4	6	3	-		
Musophagidae																
White-crested Turaco	Tauraco leucolophus	SG	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Eastern Grey Plantain-eater	Crinifer zonorus		-	10	3	2	-	2	1	3	-	-	-	-		
Cuculidae																
Jacobin Cuckoo	Clamator jacobinus		-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	1	1	-	-		
Levaillant's Cuckoo	Clamator levaillantii		-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		Χ
Red-chested Cuckoo	Cuculus solitarius		-	-	-	4	3	4	2	3	1	1	-	-		
African Cuckoo	Cuculus gularis		-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaas		-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-		
Dideric Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius		-	-	-	-	-	2	2	4	2	1	-	-		
White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus		1	2	1	-	-	-	1	2	8	4	2	-		
Black Coucal	Centropus grillii		-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	-		
Senegal Coucal	Centropus senegalensis		2	8	2	10	5	2	2	3	2	1	1	1		
Blue-headed Coucal	Centropus monachus		2	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-		
Tytonidae																
Barn Owl	Tyto alba		-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-		
Strigidae																
African Scops Owl	Otus senegalensis		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-		
Greyish Eagle Owl	Bubo cinerascens		-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-		
Caprimulgidae																
Slender-tailed Nightjar	Caprimulgus clarus		-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ

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		Biome	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Ju	⋾	Aug	Sep	ö	Nov	Dec	First Pale	Fewe
Standard-winged Nightjar Pennant-winged Nightjar Apodidae	Macrodipteryx longipennis Macrodipteryx vexillarius		-	-	-	1 -	1	-	- 1	-	-	-	-	-		X X
African Palm Swift Common Swift	Cypsiurus parvus Apus apus		10 -	100 1	50 6	50 300	-	6 –	20 -	20 50	100 100	20 -	-	-	11 Aug / 24 Apr	
White-rumped Swift Little Swift	Apus caffer Apus affinis		-	- 5	50	8 50	- 2	7 20	4 50	15	-	-	- 10	- 1	•	
Alpine Swift	Apus melba		-	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	10	. 50	-	30 Oct / 24 Apr	
Coliidae	II . P		00	00	00	45	45	45	-	45	40	05			, 4	
Blue-naped Mousebird Speckled Mousebird	Urocolius macrourus Colius striatus		20 10	30 30	30 30	15 8	15 5	15 2	5 20	15 5	10 10	25 1	6	1		
Alcedinidae Grey-headed Kingfisher	Halycon leucocephala		_	5	10	8	_	3	2	3	1	1	_	2		
Woodland Kingfisher	Halycon senegalensis		-	-	1	3		2	1	1	-	-	-	-		
Striped Kingfisher	Halycon chelicuti		1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
African Pygmy Kingfisher	Ceyx pictus		-	1	-	4	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-		
Malachite Kingfisher	Alcedo cristata		-	1	8	-	-	3	2	2	1	2	-	1		
Giant Kingfisher	Megaceryle maxima		1	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-		
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis		1	1	6	3	-	8	2	. 1	2	3	-	1		
Meropidae																
Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus		-	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	Merops hirundineus		-	1	-	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		
Red-throated Bee-eater	Merops bulocki	SG	-	-	6	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-		
Little Green Bee-eater	Merops orientalis		1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	Merops persicus		-	10	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Madagascar Bee-eater	Merops superciliosus		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-		Х
European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster		-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	10 Sep / 24 Apr	Χ
Northern Carmine Bee-eater	Merops nubicus		2	15	6	10	1	10	8	20	20	6	5	-		
Coraciidae																
Rufous-crowned Roller Abyssinian Roller	Coracias naevius Coracias abyssinicus		- 4	- 1	- 2	1 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Phoeniculidae																
Green Wood-hoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus		-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Abysinnian Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus minor	SM	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Black Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus aterrimus		-	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Upupidae																
Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops epops		-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Bucerotidae																
Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus erythrorhynchus		2	1	2	10	-	4	1	2	1	-	-	-		
African Grey Hornbill	Tockus nasutus		2	4	6	6	1	3	4	15	8	6	-	-		
Capitonidae																
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus chrysoconus		-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		Χ

		e.													First and last dates for Palearctic migrants	Fewer than five records
		Biome	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	3	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	First	Few
Red-fronted Barbet	Tricholaema diademata		1	2	1	1	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	-		
White-headed Barbet	Lybius leucocephalus		-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-		Χ
Black-billed Barbet	Lybius guifsobalito		2	1	3	5	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-		
Black-breasted Barbet	Lybius rolleti	SG	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-		
D'Arnaud's Barbet	Trachyphonus darnaudii	SM	10	10	10	10	-	5	4	6	10	4	5	-		
Indicatoridae																
Greater Honeyguide	Indicator indicator		1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-		
Lesser Honeyguide	Indicator minor		-	-	2	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-		
Picidae																
Nubian Woodpecker	Campethera nubica		-	3	3	2	1	-	2	2	-	2	-	-		
Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-		Χ
Grey Woodpecker	Dendropicos goertae		1	3	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-		
Alaudidae																
Flappet Lark	Mirafra rufocinnamomea		-	-	1	6	3	1	-	8	2	3	-	-		
Sun Lark	Galerida modesta	SG	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	3	1	-	-	-		
Chestnut-backed Sparrow Lark	Eremopterix leucotis		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20		χ
Hirundinidae																
Plain Martin	Riparia paludicola		_	_	_	-	_	_	_	2	-	_	_	_		χ
Common Sand Martin	Riparia riparia		-	1	100	100	20	-	-	-	25	30	50	-	10 Sep / 14 May	
Rufous-chested Swallow	Cecropis semirufa		2	-	-	6 -	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-		
Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica		-	2	-	-	-	-	5	4	-	-	-	-		Χ
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii		1	4	1	-	-	-	2	2	2	6	1	-		
Ethiopian Swallow	Hirundo aethiopica		15	1	-	15	-	6	10	6	1	-	-	20		
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica		50	100	50	20	1	-	-	1	30	200	10	-	12 Aug / 14 May	
Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum		-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Motacillidae																
Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava		125	20	3	2	-	-	-	-	-"	5	5	6	15 Oct / 25 Apr	
White Wagtail	Motacilla alba		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		χ
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp		1	2	1	3	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-		
Plain-backed Pipit	Anthus leucophrys		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		Χ
Tree Pipit	Anthis trivialis		-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Campephagidae																
Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike	Campephaga phoenicea		_	1	_	1	_	_	1	1	_	1	_	_		
Pycnonotidae																
Yellow-throated Leaflove	Chlorocichla flavicollis		_	_	3	3	_	_	1	_	_	_	_	_		Χ
Northern Brownbul	Phyllastrephus strepitans		_	4	6	5	_	_	5	_	_	_	_	_		
Common Bulbul	Pycnonotus barbatus		50	10	20	50	20	5	20	15	20	20	4	5		
Turdidae	,															
Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos		_	6	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		Χ
White-browed Robin Chat	Cossypha heuglini		_	2	2	5	_	_	2	1	_	_	1	_		"
Spotted Palm Thrush	Cichladusa guttata		1	6	2	1	1	_	1	2	3	_	_	_		
White-browed Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys		_	2	2	2	1	_	_	_	_	_	1	_		
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Common Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus		3	2	2	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-/3 Apr	
Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra		3	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	4	5 Nov / 24 Apr	
Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		4	3	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	- / 14 Apr	
Isabelline Wheatear	Oenanthe isabellina		1	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	22 Oct / 6 Mar	
African Thrush	Turdus pelios		2	8	2	2	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-		
Sylviidae																
Little Rush Warbler	Bradypterus baboecala		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	Ų,	-	-	-		Х
Moustached Grass-Warbler	Melocichla mentalis		-	1	1	2	-	3	3	2	1	2	-	-		
Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus		-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	1	1	2	-		Х
Lesser Swamp Warbler	Acrocephalus gracilirostris		-	-	-	_	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	100.4	Х
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	Hippolais pallida		1	4	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	- / 23 Apr	
Icterine Warbler	Hippolais icterina	00	-	-	-	1	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Х
Green-backed Eremomela	Eremomela canescens	SG	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Х
Northern Crombec	Sylvietta brachyura		2	3		2 15	-	-	-		-	1	1	-	5 Nov /	
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus		-	-	1	10	-	_	_	-	-	-	4	_	24 Apr	
Garden Warbler	Sylvia borin		-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Х
Common Whitethroat	Sylvia communis		2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Х
Cisticolidae									ě							
Red-faced Cisticola	Cisticola erythrops		-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-		Х
Singing Cisticola	Cisticola cantans		1	-	2	5	4	1	-	2	-	1	-	-		
Rattling Cisticola	Cisticola chiniana		5	6	4	5	-	5	10	15	8	4	5	1		
Winding Cisticola	Cisticola galactotes		2	-	1	1	-	5	10	10	1	1	-	-		
Croaking Cisticola	Cisticola natalensis		-	-	1	3	-	1	3	4	-	-	1	-		
Red-pate Cisticola	Cisticola ruficeps	SG	3	-	4	15	3	10	5	10	5	3	3	-		
Short-winged Cisticola	Cisticola brachypterus		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Foxy Cisticola	Cisticola troglodytes	SG	1	3	3	10	-	2	-	6	2	3	-	-	4	
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-		Х
Buff-bellied Warbler	Phyllolais pulchella		4	1	6	6	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-		
Tawny-flanked Prinia	Prinia subflava		4	5	6	15	3	4	5	10	5	2	2	6		
Red-winged Warbler	Heliolais erythropterus		-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Green-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brachyura		4	4	2	1	-	1	2	1	-	2	-	-		
Muscicapidae																
Northern Black Flycatcher	Melaeornis edolioides		-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Pale Flycatcher	Bradornis pallidus		-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
African Grey Flycatcher	Bradornis microrhynchus	SM	1	4	2	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-		
Silverbird	Empidornis semipartitus		1	3	4	5	-	1	3	4	3	4	-	-		
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata		-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	15 Oct / 24 Apr	
Swamp Flycatcher	Muscicapa aquatica		-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Monarchidae																
African Paradise Flycatcher Platysteiridae	Terpsiphone viridis		-	10	3	2	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-		
Grey-headed Batis	Batis orientalis		_	_	1	3	_	_	_	2	1	_	1	_		

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Timaliidae																
Brown Babbler	Turdoides plebejus		5	10	6	15	-	-	5	6	2	-	-	-		
Rufous Chatterer	Turdoides rubiginosus	SM	2	10	25	10	-	2	5	5	8	4	-	-		
Paridae																
White-shouldered Black Tit	Parus guineensis		-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Remizidae																
Mouse-coloured Penduline Tit	Anthoscopus musculus	SM	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Nectariniidae																
Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird	Anthreptes orientalis	SM	1	2	1	3	_	1	_	1	2	_	1	_		
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis		-	2	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-		
Beautiful Sunbird	Cinnyris pulchella		4	50	50	15	5	4	5	8	6	5	4	-		
Copper Sunbird	Cinnyris cuprea		-	-	-	1	2	4	4	2	1	1	1	-		
Zosteropidae																
African Yellow White-eye	Zosterops senegalensis		_	5	1	6	2	_	_	3	2	_	2	_		
Laniidae																
Grey-backed Fiscal	Lanius excubitorius		5	30	6	6	5	6	8	10	6	6	5	11		
Lesser Grey Shrike	Lanius minor		_	_	_	12	-	-	_	_	-	1	-	_	22 Oct / 24	Χ
·															Apr	
Isabelline Shrike	Lanius isabellinus		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Emin's Shrike	Lanius gubernator	SG	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator		3	4	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- / 23 Apr	
Yellow-billed Shrike	Corvinella corvina	SG	-	-	-	10	-	5	2	4	10	-	-	-		
Northern White-crowned Shrike	Eurocephalus rueppelli		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-		Χ
Malaconotidae																
Grey-headed Bushshrike	Malaconotus blanchoti		-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike	Telophorus sulfureopectus		-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Marsh Tchagra	Tchagra minutus		-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegalus		6	5	2	6	1	3	2	3	1	-	-	-		
Northern Puffback	Dryoscopus gambensis		-	5	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-		
Tropical Boubou	Laniarus aethiopicus		-	-	3	4	-	-	-	6	-	2	-	_		
Black-headed Gonolek	Laniarus erythrogaster		4	15	6	20	-	5	6	10	2	-	-	1		.,
Brubru	Nilaus afer		-	1.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_		X
Prionopidae	D:			_	0	_										
White Helmetshrike	Prionops plumatus		-	1	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Oriolidae																
Eastern Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus larvatus		-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus		-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Dicruridae				_						,-						
Fork-tailed Drongo	Drongo adsimilis		10	5	10	20	-	5	6	15	10	10	5	-		
Corvidae																
Pied Crow	Corvus albus		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Piapiac	Ptilostomus afer	SG	50	20	5	8	3	-	50	3	3	30	30	-		
Sturnidae																
Red-winged Starling	Onychognathus morio		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-		Χ

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Purple Glossy Starling	Lamprotornis purpureus	SG	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Х
Bronze-tailed Glossy Starling	Lamprotornis chalcurus	SG	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	10	-	-	30	-		
Greater Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chalybeus		-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Lesser Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chloropterus		-	-	-	-	50	50	30	50	30	20	-	-		
Rüppell's Glossy Starling	Lamprotornis purpuroptera		3	20	15	20	-	20	6	6	10	8	2	-		
Superb Starling	Lamprotornis superbus		-	10	-	-	-	-	8	15	4	-	-	-		
Violet-backed Starling	Cinnyricinclus leucogaster		-	-	10	-	8	-	40	5	2	-	-	-		
Wattled Starling	Creatophora cinerea		-	500	50	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-		
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus africanus		-	-	-	_	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		Χ
Passeridae	_								-			_				
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	•		1	6	2	3	-	2	5	8	10	5	1	-		
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus		-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-		Х
Chestnut Sparrow	Passer eminibey	00	-	1	10	10	-	-	5	30	-	2	-	_		
Bush Petronia	Petronia dentata	SG	-	-	15	6	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	-		
Ploceidae																
White-billed Buffalo Weaver	Bubalornis albirostris		-	30	-	10		15	-	15	-	-	-	-		
White-headed Buffalo Weaver	Dinemellia dinemelli	SM	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	1	1	-	-	-		
White-browed Sparrow Weaver		00	100	20	10	10	-	25	6	20	15	20	6	-		
Chestnut-crowned Sparrow Weaver	Plocepasser superciliosus	SG	-	-	2	1	_	-	-,	_	_	_	-	-		Х
Speckle-fronted Weaver	Sporopipes frontalis		4	-	15	5	4	2	-	5	15	1	6	-		
Grey-headed Social Weaver	Pseudonigrita arnaudi		15	10	30	20		-	10	10	30	20	-	-		
Little Weaver	Ploceus luteolus		3	1	30	-	-	-	2	4	2	1	-	-		
Spectacled Weaver	Ploceus ocularis		-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		Х
Northern Masked Weaver	Ploceus taeniopterus		100	200	100	-	10	15	30	30	100	50	-	-		
Lesser Masked Weaver	Ploceus intermedius		-	5	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-		
Vitelline Masked Weaver	Ploceus velatus		-	_	-	-	-	-	2	20	1	200	_	_		
Village Weaver	Ploceus cucullatus		-	2	5	30	-	25	200	100	50	200	-	-	4	
Grosbeak Weaver Cardinal Quelea	Amblyospiza albifrons		-	_	-	_	2	2	-	5	6	-	_	_		
	Quelea cardinalis		-	_	-	-	-	-	15	5	0	-	-	_		
Red-headed Quelea Red-billed Quelea	Quelea erythrops		_	_	_	_	_	2 15	2	_	_	-	_	-		v
Northern Red Bishop	Quelea quelea Euplectes franciscanus		20	200	30	200	- 15	100	100	150	60	20	5	_		Χ
Black-winged Bishop	Euplectes hordeaceus		20	200	30	30	30	30	20	100	30	_	_			
Black Bishop	Euplectes gierowii		_	_	-	-	-	2	4	1	-	_	_	_		
Yellow-crowned Bishop	Euplectes afer					_	_	_	20	1	_	_	_	_		χ
White-winged Widowbird	Euplectes albonotatus		_	_	_	_	_	_	2	2	_	_	_	_		χ
Fan-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes axillaris		_		_	_	_	3	40	15	3	4	_	_		
Estrildidae	- Laprostos armano							·			-					
Fawn-breasted Waxbill	Estrilda paludicola		_	_	2	20	_	_	20	10	_	_	_	_		
Black-rumped Waxbill	Estrilda troglodytes	SG	50	100	200	60	_	30	30	6	3	_	1	6		
Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild		-	-	-	-	_	_	-	2	_	_	_	_		Х
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	Uraeginthus bengalus		15	50	100	50	20	20	15	80	10	10	10	10		
Red-winged Pytilia	Pytilia phoenicoptera	SG	-	-	4	-	-	_	-	-	_	_	_	_		Χ
Green-winged Pytilia	Pytilia melba		2	1	2	5	_	2	_	2	_	1	1	-		
Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala		1	20	10	20	_	2	3	10	2	-	2	5		

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Bar-breasted Firefinch	Lagonosticta rufopicta		-	5	2	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		Χ
Black-faced Firefinch	Lagonosticta larvata	SG	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ
Black-bellied Firefinch	Lagonosticta rara	SG	-	-	4	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-		
Cut-throat Finch	Amadina faciata		-	8	2	-	-	-	-	8	4	-	1	-		
Black-faced Quailfinch	Ortygospiza atricollis		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-		Χ
Zebra Waxbill	Amandava subflava		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-		Χ
Bronze Mannikin	Lonchura cucullata		30	20	20	25	-	-	10	20	-	-	-	-		
Viduidae																
Parasitic Weaver	Anomalospiza imberbis		-	-	-	-	-	1	1	20	-	-	-	-		χ
Pin-tailed Whydah	Vidua macroura		1	6	-	1	-	10	5	10	15	2	2	-		
Exclamatory Paradise Whydah	Vidua interjecta	SG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-		Χ
Eastern Paradise Whydah	Vidua paradisaea		-	-	-	-	-	-	25	10	6	5	1	-		
Village Indigobird	Vidua chalybeata		-	2	-	-	-	-	1	3	30	-	-	-		
Fringillidae																
White-rumped Seedeater	Serinus leucopygus		1	5	8	1	-	-	-	4	-	6	1	-		
Yellow-fronted Canary	Serinus mozambicus		-	3	-	,15	5	-	-	6	4	-	-	-		
Emberizidae																
Brown-rumped Bunting	Emberiza affinis		-	1	5	5	10	-	-	2	1	-	-	-		
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	Emberiza tahapisi		-	_	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		χ

Appendix 2. Additions to the relevant squares in Nikolaus (1987) Annexe 2. Compléments aux carrés définis par Nikolaus (1987) Square numbers = degrees north / east (4/31 = 04°00'N 31°00'E). Numéros des carrés = degrés nord / est (4/31 = 04°00'N 31°00'E)

			4/31	5/31				4/31	5/31
1	Little Bittern	Ixobrychus minutus	Χ		19	Yellow-throated Leaflove	Chlorocichla flavicollis	Χ	
2	Striated Heron	Butorides striata	Χ		20	Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus	Χ	
3	Black Heron	Egretta ardesiaca	Χ		21	Icterine Warbler	Hippolais icterina	Χ	
4	African Spoonbill	Platalea alba	Χ		22	Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus		Χ
5	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	Χ		23	Red-faced Cisticola	Cisticola erythrops	Χ	
6	African Cuckoo Hawk	Aviceda cuculoides	Χ		24	Short-winged Cisticola	Cisticola brachypterus	Χ	
7	Brown Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinereus	χ		25	Swamp Flycatcher	Muscicapa aquatica	Χ	
8	Long-legged Buzzard	Buteo rufinus	Χ		26	Grey-headed Batis	Batis orientalis	Χ	
9	Eleonora's Falcon	Falco eleonorae	Χ		27	Copper Sunbird	Cinnyris cupreus	Χ	
10	Lesser Moorhen	Gallinula angulata	Χ		28	Lesser Grey Shrike	Lanius minor		Χ
11	Common Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	Χ		29	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	Χ	
12	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus	Χ		30	White-billed Buffalo Weaver	Bubalornis albirostris		Χ
13	Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida	Χ		31	Spectacled Weaver	Ploceus ocularis	Χ	
14	African Cuckoo	Cuculus gularis	Χ		32	Grosbeak Weaver	Amblyospiza albifrons	Χ	
15	European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster	Χ		33	Black Bishop	Euplectes gierowii	Χ	
16	Rufous-crowned Roller	Coracias naevius	Χ		34	White-winged Widowbird	Euplectes albonotatus	Χ	
17	Lesser Honeyguide	Indicator minor	Χ		35	Red-winged Pytilia	Pytilia phoenicoptera	Χ	
18	Rufous-chested Swallow	Cecropis semirufa	Х		36	Brown-rumped Bunting	Emberiza affinis	χ	